

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	Docket No. 31132.129 / PC877.19
Kelly et al.	§	
	§	Customer No. 46333
Serial No.: 10/600,052	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: June 20, 2003	§	
	§	Confirmation No. 6026
For: WEAR-RESISTANT	§	
ENDOPROSTHETIC DEVICES	§	Examiner: Philogene, Pedro

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED MAY 19, 2008**

**I. Introductory Remarks**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2008.

No fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.